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SUBJ CANADIAN WEST COAST DOCK STRIKE

1. 4000 LONGSHOREMEN STRUCK SIX B.C. PORTS MIDNIGHT SATURDAY AFTER NEGOTIATIONS BEGUN LAST OCTOBER BROKE DOWN. DOCKERS HAD BEEN WORKING WITHOUT A CONTRACT SINCE DECEMBER 31, 1974. TWO MAJOR ISSUES ARE WAGES AND CONTAINERIZATION.
2. EMPLOYERS OFFERED 29 PERCENT INCREASE OVER 24 MONTHS ON PRESENT DLRS 6.08 PER HOUR BASE. THE INTERNATIONAL LONGSHOREMEN S AND WAREHOUSEMAN S UNION ASKED FOR 25 PERCENT INCREASE IN 12 MONTHS. PRESENT CONTAINER CLAUSE REQUIRES LONGSHOREMEN TO UNLOAD ON DOCKS ALL CONTAINERS INBOUND FOR OR OUTBOUND FROM PUBLIC WAREHOUSES WITHIN APPROXIMATELY 60 MILES OF VANCOUVER. EMPLOYERS ASSOCIATION STATES REMOVAL OF CLAUSE NECESSARY TO COMPETE WITH SEATTLE AND WILL NOT COST LONGSHOREMEN JOBS. THEY ASK CLAUSE BE LIFTED FOR 12 MONTH EXPERIMENTAL PERIOD WITH CONCURRENT STUDY AND REVERSION TO CLAUSE IF STUDY SHOWS LONGSHOREMEN JOBS LOST. UNION HAS REJECTED THIS OFFER.
3. NO NEW NEGOTIATIONS PRESENTLY SCHEDULED. ALL PORT ACTIVITY STOPPED AND AT LEAST 30 SHIPS IN PORTS DIRECTLY AFFECTED.

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